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### A Situation.

The Ft. Worth Telegram Sunday had an exceptionally touching cartoon. This showed the democratic mule tied up, neglected and starving, while Messrs. Baileyite and Antiballey were busily carrying provender to their respective wooden hobby horses.

The present condition of inter-party strife is in a way comparable to that of a few years ago between the Hogg and Clarke factions. The main difference is in the matter of intensity of feeling and vindictive bitterness, the Hogg-Clarke fight having been mild and gentlemanly as compared with the present tussle for supremacy between the ever warring elements in political affairs—the contest between dollars and principles, between nauseating hero-worship and eternal right, between trust or Toryism and the people. Possibly the difference in the matter of acrimony between the two periods may be traced to the fact that Clarke had more of gentlemanly instincts than to describe the manner of burying his enemies, or even to designate them as "skunks" and "hyenas." But whatever the cause, there is now a personal vindictiveness in many partisans of each faction that was lacking in the contest of other years; and a breach is being made in the party that a "Harmony meeting" will have a hard time to smooth over. Texas has been thrown into a species of political insanity over this man that is not happy; and until there shall have been found a political bedrock, or fundamental basis from which to start a series of premises and conclusion known beyond peradventure to be right, intelligent citizens should not be ready to tear and rend one another. It is unworthy of citizenship in a country of free ideas and unworthy of common manhood; and a man having the consciousness of right within him is calm and conciliatory, just as he who knows himself wrong is a brawler and ready to injure those who differ with him in opinion. And this subject will work itself out as have other subjects with no necessity in the premises of building up personal enmities.

Senator Bailey's is an immense personality, a stupendous combination of will power, egotism and combativeness; which now thoroughly aroused might be profitably left alone to fight its windmill and run its brief course.—Henrietta Review.

### Big Distillery Fire.

A fire which broke out in the mill at the Corning & Co's. distillery at Peoria Ill., Friday was not gotten under control for six hours. The entire plant was badly damaged and the loss is estimated at from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. Several explosions occurred during the progress of the fire which endangered the lives of the firemen. Shortly after the fire broke out 3,000 cattle stampeded at the sound of the explosion and ran at large at the railroad yards. Fifty thousand gallons of spirits were consumed as a result of the explosion.

### Farm Work Is Never all Done

There is no small excuse for being idle on the farm. No matter how bad the weather, the man who manages well will always find something for his hands and himself to do in the barn or the shed or the shop—and every farm should have a shop. There will be harness to oil or ladders to make or mend, or axes to grind, or saws to sharpen, or a dozen and one things to do to have tools and utensils ready for bright days—plenty to do besides whittling and whistling.—American Cultivator.

### Steers at \$6.50.

A load of steers sold at \$6.50 a hundred on the Fort Worth market Friday. This is the highest price ever paid for beef on the hoof at the present Fort Worth market, excepting for prize winning steers after the various Fat Stock Shows.

The steers averaged 1,376, and netted their owner \$89 apiece.

High prices for cattle in March, despite the rapidity with which they have been reached are not surprising. For many months a shortage in cattle has been predicted in Texas, due largely to cleaning off ranges, which had been sold to settlers. Some of these ranges had been sold several years ago, but the time for delivery to the new owners fell in 1907, with the result that cattle were shipped out of the state by the thousand. The state's lists show that there were 6,504,056 cattle on hand Jan. 1, 1907. Figures for 1908 are not yet ready, but when they come will show the remarkable decrease in supply that has taken place.

And not only have thousands of cattle in good or fair condition for slaughter been rushed to the pens, but thousands of cows, heifers and calves have also been shipped for slaughter. It will be recalled that figures published in The Telegram at the first of the present year showed that for 1907 Fort Worth was one of the greatest calf markets in the United States. The slaughter of these calves means a shortage in 2 and 3-year-olds later on. The slaughter of the thousands of cows and heifers that have been shipped to Fort Worth and out of state markets presages a shortage in the future calf crop.

The result is that cattle are not only scarce now, but for Texas at least, they are likely to be scarce until conditions can again become more nearly normal.

There is a good side to this apparent destruction of the market balance, and that is when the normal cattle supply again comes it will be a supply of better cattle than were ever raised in the state before. For years persistent efforts have been made to grade up herds, and despite the fact that these efforts have extended into every part of the state they have been comparatively limited. The few men who have worked for the upbuilding of the herds have produced remarkable cattle such for instance, as the steer raised by Lee Bros. of San Angelo, which took first prize at the recent stock show, and dressed out over 70 per cent, almost a world's record. But the very fact that there was only one cattle exhibitor at the recent Fat Stock Show for every 13,000 cattle in the state, shows that the improved herd idea can still undergo considerable development.

And it is developing. A large percentage of sales at the Fort Worth market the past several months has been bulls, not aged veterans, but young stuff in good condition, good enough to fetch \$3 and better, and this young stuff was sold because it was not up to grade, and the owners wanted better herd leaders. The average price paid for registered bulls, both Shorthorn and Hereford, at the recent stock show was higher than ever before. It is not high enough yet, but it will be higher. \* \* \*

But reverting to the car loads of steers that brought \$6.50, there is only one feature about them that is regrettable. They were Oklahoma steers, and the money for them did not go to some Texan, for Texans know how to feed cattle as well as anybody. As the years progress more and more Texas feeders will develop top price stuff, but at present Oklahoma has the advantage with her corn fed beefs.

And when Texas does come into her own highly graded, well fed cattle, little items about \$6.50 for steers will not need as much space in the papers as this one gets, and, furthermore, the average value of cattle in Texas will not be turned into the assessors at \$9 a head.—Fort Worth Telegram.

### Indict Night Riders at Last.

Lexington, Ky., April 4.—At last a man who is charged with being the leader of the night riders in Kentucky has been indicted and his arrest is expected hourly.

He is Dr. Champion, a prominent physician of Lyon county. Champion is specifically charged with being in a raid on Birmingham, Marshall county, in which two negroes were killed and others beaten. Other persons indicted with Champion are: M. Hopkins, Fred Holden, Amos Stringer, Louis Chaudhill, Nick Terry and Tom Cain.

Two men have been indicted in Marshall county and two have confessed. Soldiers tonight are guarding Murray, Calloway county, and squads of others are on horseback patrolling the country districts.

### More Money for the Army.

The army appropriation bill was completed by the senate committee on military affairs Saturday and reported to the senate Monday. It requires about \$15,000,000 more than was provided in the bill as it passed the house, making a total of approximately \$100,000,000. An item of about \$7,000,000 was included to increase the pay of the army revenue cutter service and marine corps, but excluding enlisted men of the navy in accordance with provisions of the bill which was passed by the senate. For joint maneuvers of the regular army and the organized militia, \$1,000,000 is provided. An increase of about \$5,000,000 has been made in the appropriation for the transportation of troops and the purchase and repair of ships to be used as army transports. The items for the enlargement of the army hospitals, amounting in all to about \$265,000, which were struck out of the bill in the house, were restored.

### Banks to Help Arkansas Farmers.

Little Rock, Ark., April 4.—At a meeting here yesterday between the executive committee of the Arkansas Farmers' Union and George W. Rogers, representing the banks of Little Rock, arrangements were completed whereby local banks will advance money to Farmers' Union men on cotton shipped to Little Rock and held in the warehouse of the Gulf Compress as collateral pending the sale of the cotton by the owners at the minimum price of 15c, for which it is being held.

### The Inventory That Cheers.

Mrs. Jones: "Whatever have we got ter be thankful fer, Silas?"

Mr. Jones: "Wa-al, th' mortgage hez bin foreclosed on th' farm, so we hain't got ter pay no more interest 'n' taxes; th' automobile's bin attached fer debt, so we hain't got ter worry about that no more; Johnny Smith hez thrown over our daughter Sal, so we won't have him ter support. Great Scott, Marial we've got everything ter be thankful fer."—Ex.

It is calculated that the distance traveled by the blood current of a normal healthy man whose heart beats 69 times a minute would be at the rate of 207 yards per minute or seven miles per hour, equal to 168 miles per day or 61,320 miles per year. If, therefore, a single blood corpuscle were to float in a man's circulating system for 84 years it would in that time have traveled an aggregate distance of 5,150,880 miles.

### Prohibition Rally.

At a meeting held in Fort Worth Friday attended by H. A. Ivy of Sherman, S. L. Fenner of Waco, Mrs. Zehner and Arthur Jones of Dallas, and O. S. Lattimore of Fort Worth, the rally committee of the central committee of the state wide prohibition movement, it was decided to hold a rally, a specie of ratification meeting, about June 1, and thus formally launch the Texas prohibition campaign. Advices convince the committee that the signatures to the petition to submit the question to the voters in the democratic primary will approximate about three the requisite number.

It is the wish of the committee that the petitions contain at least 100,000 names. It is the desire of the rally committee to properly celebrate the event by a rally at some central point, probably Fort Worth or Waco, and thus formally launch a campaign which will be active from then on until the primaries are held. There will be in the state for that rally speakers of national prominence and it will be made an occasion for rejoicing.

It is understood, of course, by the body of voters that the petition to be submitted to the democratic executive committee, being in proper form and properly signed, the question must be submitted and then it is for the participants in the primary to determine the issue, and as things have gone lately, if it is a platform demand, then the legislature will act in accord with that demand if favorable and ignore the question if the vote is an adverse one.

### Says Baileyism Is Treason.

"Baileyism" has gotten to be such a hot political issue in Texas that the democratic state executive committee has called a primary election to determine whether or not Bailey shall be sent as a delegate-at-large to the Denver convention. In spite of the fact that Bailey has been attempting to serve two masters—that he does not even try to deny it—still he maintains that his divine right to rule Texas democracy remains unimpaired.

It is pitiable that a man possessing the power and ability which Bailey does should be tempted from the path of rectitude, but his own conduct impeaches his political integrity. But in the face of the official record he sold out to Standard Oil, and there is no reason why he should not be relegated to the political tomb. But Bailey has been the idol of Texas democracy for many years, and naturally Texas democrats are very forgiving, one toward another, and it may be that in this presidential election year the sin of treason will be looked upon only as a misdemeanor.—Hagerman (N. M.) Messenger.

### Sulphur Expelled the Rats.

Here is a Maine farmer's mode of ridding his premises of rats and mice: "If you sprinkle sulphur on your barn floor and through your corn as you gather it there will not be a rat or mouse to bother. I have done this for years, and have never been bothered with rats or mice. I have some old corn in my crib at present and not a rat or mouse can be found. In stacking hay or oats, sprinkle on the ground and a little through each load, and my word for it, rats or mice can't stay there. A pound of sulphur will be sufficient to preserve a large barn of corn, and is good for stock and will not hurt the corn or bread.—American Cultivator.

There are 300 paint factories in this country making over \$100,000,000 gallons of paint per year, and the business demand is increasing faster than the facilities.

### STATE NEWS.

A small child of Postmaster A. M. Morrison at Ennis was badly burned Friday by its gown igniting from an open grate.

Quannah citizens have subscribed \$100,000 and Hollis over \$100,000 to build a railroad between the two places and say it will be built.

Last week Walter White, a young farmer who resided in Borden county, fell into a well, 30 feet deep, and was dead when taken out, an hour after the accident.

Colonel C. W. T. Weldon died at his home at Ladonia Thursday morning, after the amputation of an arm Wednesday' caused by blood poison, originating from a splinter sticking in a hand. Col. Weldon was seventy-seven years old. He accumulated a fortune of \$250,000 during the last twenty years, all of which is left in national bank stock over Texas.

Friday night at Waco the state prohibition oratorical contest at the Texas Christian University chapel was won by Decatur college, represented by J. C. Boyd of Boyd. Mr. Boyd spoke of "The Authority of Law Over Liquor." Eight colleges participated. Texas Christian University took second and Baylor third. A prize of \$60 was awarded the winner. A large crowd attended.

It is proposed by the Baptists to build a concrete building and the Methodists a frame building. Each church will cost about two thousand dollars, and to be erected during this year. These two church buildings will fill a long felt want. \* \* \* Grandma Agee, mother of F. M. Agee, died Tuesday after a short illness brought on by ailments incident to old age, and was buried in the Alanreed cemetery Wednesday afternoon. She had lived the three-score-and-seven years allotted to mankind.—Alanreed Times.

### Childress.

Between 20 and 30 head of stock were placed in the city pound Wednesday afternoon. The owners, with one or two exceptions, paid the fees without much kick, and will try to do better in the future.

About a car load of material for the electric light plant has arrived in Childress and work of wiring the houses has been started. The management expect to have in over 1,000 lights before the plant is in running order.

Conductor Frank Harrington, who runs on the north end, has moved his family from Clarendon to Childress. Mr. Harrington occupies the Glenn residence in East Childress. The Index understands he will erect a nice home later on. Mr. Harrington is the last railroad man to leave Clarendon and The Index trusts that they will be as well pleased with their new home as they were of Clarendon.

North America has, speaking in round terms, 260,000 miles of railway, of which 225,000 are found in the United States. Europe as a whole has 190,000 miles, or 35,000 miles less than those in the United States alone. Asia has 52,000 miles, Africa 17,000, and Australia and the adjacent islands of Oceania 17,500.

The cost of repairs on a wooden railroad car is about \$100 per year, much more than that of a steel car, and the wooden car is out of service by reason of repairs six to one, compared with the metal ones.

For the best hard wheat flour see Bryan & Land.

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### Leg Cut off With a Barlow.

Thursday while J. A. McKittrick, a stockman of Brookfield Mo., was pinioned under a wreckage of a Burlington freight train and the locomotive of a passenger train near Spanish Lake, fifteen miles north of St. Louis, with the hot steam pouring out upon him from the damaged engine, he took out a barlow knife and coolly directed the Rev. R. C. Allen of Grove City, Pa., to cut the tendons of his crushed left leg, which held him prisoner.

After the leg had been cut off, McKittrick's life was saved by Mrs. Emma Renner, a trained nurse of Cincinnati, a passenger, who made a tourniquet of her veil, stanching the flow of blood and then gave him morphine and strychnine to ease the pain and stimulate the heart action.

### The Cement Industry In 1907.

The advance statement given below has been prepared for the press and is issued in this form for the benefit of the producers, whose prompt returns have facilitated its compilation.

The following statement, issued by the United States Geological Survey, shows the total production of Portland, natural rock, and puzzolan cements in the United States for the calendar year 1907.

This statement is issued in advance of the annual report on the production of hydraulic cement in the United States which is now in preparation, and is based on returns from all the active cement plants in this country.

The total production of all kinds of hydraulic cement in 1907 was 52,230,342 barrels, valued at \$55,903,851.

Of the above total quantity of cement manufactured in 1907 in the United States, 48,785,390 barrels were Portland cement, with a value of \$53,992,551; 2,887,700 were natural-rock cement with a value of \$1,467,302; and 557,252 were puzzolan cement, with a value of \$442,998.

The total production of hydraulic cement in 1906 was 51,000,445 barrels, valued at \$55,302,277. Comparison of these totals with those above given shows an increase in quantity in 1907 over 1906 of 1,229,897 barrels, and in value of \$601,574.

Senator Bailey and his managers have not presented any good excuse for his refusal to meet candidates on the other ticket in joint debate. They leave the one impression that Senator Bailey and his fellow-candidates can not afford to reply to certain questions that would be profounded to them. Their only pretext is that "the issue in this campaign, so far as it relates to Mr. Bailey, is one impeaching his personal character." Is that true? As summarized by Judge Bell, "the whole question is: Has a man who is getting pay from one side in war, a lawsuit, or anything else, a right to help the other side? That's the whole question. Has he?" Or, the main issue may be fairly stated in the words of Judge Bell, as follows: "The proposition before the people is very simple and plain. It is this: 'Do we or do we not want to be represented in the National convention by a man who has been the agent of and has represented the very interests we want to legislate against?'" As Judge Bell added: "We are not attacking any private character. We are attacking a man's public record, and we have a right to do so. What I have said here has no reference to the character of our junior Senator except as a Senator. As a private citizen he had a right to accept a fee from Clay Pierce, but not as a Senator."—Dallas News.

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When the battleship fleet arrives at Seattle the people will present the admiral with a key of virgin Alaska gold to signify the door of the city is wide open to the men of the warships.

The college department of the Young Men's Christian Association is planning to enroll 50,000 students in its Bible classes this year, as compared with nearly 35,000 last year. In 140 such classes, 1,087 conversions were reported for the twelve months.

The Chinese have undertaken to nurse their forests and the officials of the Celestial Government have engaged a Japanese expert from Tokio to act as head master for the proposed school of forests at Mukden for a term of four years, with two Chinese gentlemen as his assistants.

Recently we mentioned the fact that the Texas republic, Mose Harris republican paper, and a Dallas republican paper, were out of harmony with Roosevelt and Taft, and intimated that as a reason they did not have a pull at the loaves and fishes. It seems that we were a little mistaken, besides the reply of the republic makes known the very fat plum that has been cast to Mr. Lyon, who has been honored with the Texas leadership. The Republic says:

"The Chronicle mistakes. The Republic is not making war upon either President Roosevelt nor upon Mr. Taft. It opposes the candidacy of Mr. Taft, for it does not believe he could be elected, even if nominated. Nor is The Republic making war upon Mr. Lyon. It simply points out his many and grievous errors and insists that effort be made by the republicans of the state to remedy them. It wars upon Mr. Lyon's leadership and his policies, not upon Mr. Lyon as an individual. Appearances are sometimes deceptive. The editor of The Republic, as a federal office holder, draws a moderate supply of the loaves and fishes, though can do not compels the admission that they pale into insignificance when compared with the \$15,000 annual ration doled out to Mr. Lyon as a federal court receiver."

**Army of Unemployed.**

Stamford, Texas, April 5.—The White Hardware company of this city is in receipt of a letter from a manufacturing concern in Freeport, Ill., which contains some interesting matter. It points out the fact that there are in this country on account of the financial stringency 3,000,000 more people out of employment than is usual. The letter further shows that Texas, with a population of approximately 4,000,000 people, has only about 3,000 more people out of employment than ordinary, while Missouri with the same population has between 200,000 and 300,000 people more than the ordinary out of employment, this being a decided difference in favor of Texas. The letter further says, "From all parts of the country reports are constantly coming in that business is gradually improving in all lines." This is a fine showing for Texas, and shows that the financial conditions of the country has not affected Texas like the other States.

Threats of violence in the tobacco growing district of Virginia have caused Gov. Swanson to issue a manifesto in which he promises to punish any and all reprehensible acts of any description.

New York city has 238 pawnbrokers, and such is the nature of their business that the law requires that their books shall be open to the mayor, criminal courts, magistrates and police.

Forty-six students of Clemson college, Columbia, S. C., took french leave April Fool's day and wrote sarcastic letters to the faculty, were expelled.

**Fort Worth Sunday School Conference.**

At the Methodist Sunday school conference, Ft. Worth, the holding of a Sunday school encampment at Corpus Christi in August was decided upon, but the exact date was not determined. Miss Nannie Lee Fraser of Louisville, Ky., whose lectures were so highly appreciated during the conference just closed, was engaged for the encampment.

At the conclusion of the meeting Secretary Fields announced that the total registration at the conference was 1,666, but through the fact that many failed to register, he names 2,000 as a conservative estimate of the attendance.

**Farm Paper Goes to Fort Worth.**

Secretary A. N. Evans of the Ft. Worth Factory Club announced Sunday that the co-operator, a recent publication issued from Dallas in the interests of the Texas farmer, had been purchased by the interests of the State Farmers' Union and would be moved to Fort Worth this week. In connection with this deal, the Transmitter, a publication of Weatherford, published in the interests of the telephone business, is also being moved to Fort Worth, and from this week will be issued from there.

**A Jew's Sensible Words.**

Chicago, Ill., April 5.—"If Jesus should come to earth again today He could not get into the clubs and into the so-called polite society any more than do we Jews," declared Emil G. Hirsch at Sinai Temple this morning. "His manners, physiognomy and voice would not be good enough, any more than ours are." The crucifixion was the topic of Dr. Hirsch's sermon.

He exhorted Jews to take pride in their race and assert their rights to be Jews. "We are in America and it is assumed that we ought to comply with the American ideal of good manners," he continued. "The anti Semite says our manners are offensive, our physiognomy is repulsive, our voices grate on his ear and that we do not intermarry."

"Where is polite society in America? Is it those who attempt to buy a title for its own satisfaction by marrying a Count, or 'no account,' from the rotten courts of the old world? Though we have heard a lot about the Vanderbilt Duchess in the past few weeks, that is not all that we have heard about the family's matrimonial affairs."

"If the Jew's voice breaks, isn't that better than to have broken morals?"

"The basis of the prejudice is said to be that the Jews crucified the Nazarene. "Never has a blacker slander been invented or brought deeper persecution than that Jewish intrigue nailed the martyred teacher to the cross."

**Douglas Out of Race.**

Ex Gov. William L. Douglas of Massachusetts, gave out a signed statement Saturday which takes him out of the field as a vice presidential candidate. He said: "I would be greatly relieved and obliged if my name were taken out of the list of possible candidates for any political office, as I am not a candidate."

At Manila a few days ago democratic convention in the Philippines defeated a resolution condemning the Taft administration of the islands by one vote. The convention endorsed Bryan for president and adopted a resolution demanding tariff reform. Six delegates were elected to the national democratic convention.

"What does 1908 hold in store for the government clerk?" queries the Washington Post. Well, certainty of employment, good wages, thirty days' vacation on pay and reasonable sick leave. That would look mighty good to a lot of clerks who are not in the government's employ.—Commoner.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**

CHRONICLE Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 4.—There is no doubt that Mr. Von Meyer, the new postmaster general, is earnestly desirous of promoting such reforms in the United States postal establishment as he became familiar with in the more progressive countries of Europe during his residence there as ambassador of the United States. It will surprise many Americans to know that Europe is more progressive in postal affairs than is this country. We are so in the habit, in our provincial pride of claiming that America is ahead in everything—mainly because we excel in making and squandering money—that it is difficult to come down to actual facts and figures, and accept the truth, which is that we lag in many particulars. For example, in our rural route delivery system, we have the means of laying down, at the doors of millions of people, the things which they might buy in the city by postal card, for one-half the price they pay at the country store. But short sightedness and provincialism combined with protests of the petty storekeepers and the great monopolizing express companies, prevents the establishment of the Parcels Post, which European people have enjoyed for two or three decades.

A bill has recently been introduced in congress for the establishment of a postal savings bank. This is an old institution in England and probably in other European countries. The bill provides for a system of postal savings banks, under the direction and supervision of the postmaster general. Each postoffice authorized to issue money orders, and such others as the postmaster general may designate, will be postal savings bank offices. Deposits in these banks may be made by any person 10 years of age or over, "a married woman in her own name and free from any control or interference by her husband," a trustee, a parent, guardian or other person for the benefit of a child under 10 years of age.

At least \$1 is required to open an account, but 10 cents or multiples of that amount may be deposited afterward. No person will be permitted to deposit more than \$200 in any month. Two per cent. per annum is to be allowed on these deposits. No deposit is to be allowed to exceed \$1,000, and no interest is to be paid on any part of a deposit in excess of \$500.

The postal savings funds are to be exempt from detention under any legal process against the depositor. They are not to be subject to taxation by the United States or any other state.

The postmaster general is to deposit these funds in national banks to be designated by him at a rate of interest not less than 2 1/4 per cent. per annum. Such deposits are to be made in national banks in the United States and territories in which the funds are received, and as far as practicable in the immediate vicinity of the places at which the funds are received. If any bank becomes insolvent such funds are to be a prior lien upon its assets.

Additional compensation is to be allowed postmasters at postoffices of the fourth-class for the transaction of postal savings bank business at the rate of one fourth of 1 per cent. of the deposits received, to be paid from the postal revenues.

The American consul at Harbin has declined to recognize the authority of the Russian railway magistrate in that erstwhile Russian town. The treaty of Portsmouth, which ended the war between Russia and Japan, was most explicit in terms. In this treaty, the two powers agreed to completely and simultaneously evacuate Manchuria and to entirely and completely restore to the exclusive administration of China all parts of Manchuria then occupied by Russian and Japanese troops or which are under their control; and again, in the same treaty, the imperial government of Russia declares that it has no territorial advantage or preference or exclusive concessions in Manchuria

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Our rates for candidates' announcements are as follows, strictly cash in advance: District and county, \$10; precinct, \$5; city, \$2.50.

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J. MARION WILLIAMS
- For County Treasurer,  
GUSS JOHNSON,  
J. M. CLOWER.
- For Tax Assessor,  
R. H. ELKINS,  
G. W. BAKER,  
J. H. RUTHERFORD.
- For County Commissioner Precinct No. 2,  
R. L. WILLIAMS.

of such a nature as to impair the sovereignty of China or which are incompatible with the principle of equal opportunity.

In the refusal of Consul Fisher to recognize Russian authority is seen the hand of the United States in oriental diplomacy, but it is easily inferred that in this reproof of Russia, who has failed and is failing to abide by the terms of the Portsmouth treaty, Japan, even more than Russia is reproved, because in southern Manchuria she is presuming, in many localities, to exercise with a strong hand, administrative and executive functions. The United States is committed to what is called the Hay policy of the open door. The open door cannot exist under a government of the Chinese by either Russia or Japan, or both of them. The open door means equal commercial rights and equal access by all foreign countries, and neither Japan nor Russia, but China is the country that is responsible for the open door. The United States is determined to maintain an open door and in this we will doubtless be supported by Germany and possibly by England and France, though one is the ally of Japan and the other the ally of Russia.

Von Meyer, the Postmaster General, has long been ambassador to Russia. No one better understands the Russian attitude and feeling, and he, with the President and Secretary of State, doubtless came to some conclusion today.

**STATE NEWS.**

John Taylor, 14 years old, had one arm and one leg blown off by dynamite Saturday afternoon while on a lake near Sulphur river fishing. He is a son of Dr. J. S. Taylor, a prominent physician of Hopkins county.

The work of drilling in a test for oil and gas will begin simultaneously at points near Sherman in Grayson County, Gainesville in Cooke County and Ector in Fannin County within the lease belt of the Red River Oil and Gas Company, this month.

The little 2-months'-old babe of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Largent of Bridgeport was found dead in bed Saturday morning. The direct cause of the child's death is not known, but it is generally believed that it had become smothered during the night some time, while the parents were asleep.

The barn of Dr. McCullough, living five miles east of Denison was burned, together with 3,000 bushels of corn, five head of horses and six hogs Sunday. The sheriff at Sherman was notified and that officer took his bloodhounds and went to the scene. Mr. McCullough says he saw a man leaving the barn at the time the fire was discovered.

L. F. McLemore, six miles south of Weatherford, in the Edweman pasture in February, 1907, is to be hanged Friday, May 22. When Cason was brought before the Court for sentence he was visibly affected, and when asked if there was anything he desired to say before sentence was passed upon him, replied: "Nothing, except I am innocent, and would be glad for the Court to give me all the time possible." He was advised to adjust his affairs so far as this world and the next is concerned, and ordered back to the county jail.

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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mrs. Kate Lockridge and Mrs. J. G. Dodson visited at Goodnight Sunday.

Miss Bessie Sloan came down from Amarillo Saturday and spent a few days with the Sloan family.

Dr. Stocking was called to Dalhart yesterday on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Forest Stocking.

D. C. Priddy, formerly of this place, now a merchant of Big Springs, Tex., is spending a few days here on business.

Mrs. Hedley, of the thriving little town of Hedley spent yesterday in Clarendon. Bond W. Johnson also from Hedley was here.

Mrs. H. J. Kelly of Commerce came in a few days ago for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scarborough.

John Shaban, formerly of Clarendon, now holding down a home-stead near Clovis, N. M., is spending a few days here on business.

Dr. Caylor and wife came down from Canadian Saturday and spent a few days visiting the families of Dr. Staudier and Judge O'Neill.

Miss Maggie Fenwick, who has been spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Humphrey, left this week for her home at Mountain Park, Ok.

John J. Cox, who formerly lived in the north part of this county, and who was an old Mexican war veteran, died at Canyon City last week at the age of 83.

Mrs. George Slover of Clarendon, who had been visiting relatives here, left Friday for a visit in Fort Worth, accompanied by Miss Mollie Culwell.—Bridgeport Index.

Mrs. M. J. Darden, of Plainview, and Mrs. Scott, of Athens, Tex., mother and grandmother of Mrs. J. H. Hodges, are here on a visit. Miss Ella Scott is also here with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Young were here a few days this week visiting Mrs. Young's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bishop. They started for their home in Clarendon last Thursday.—Floydada Hesperian.

J. A. Burdett of Clarendon has purchased the lot between the post-office and Kirkland Hardware Co. and will erect a two-story building. We are informed that he intends engaging in the drug business.—Kirkland Enterprise.

Frank Beach, one of our new farmers from Colorado, has already planted 37 acres of watermelons and two acres of canteloupes. We make a guess that Mr. Beach is going to make a paying crop and demonstrate what Donley county soil will do.

#### New City Officers.

Following is the result of yesterday's election, as announced as we closed the paper forms:

For mayor:

A. L. Journeay	134
Dr. J. D. Stocking	93

For marshal:

T. E. Phillips	84
Cuba Blackwell	56
J. L. Morrow	48
J. E. Humphrey	24
J. D. Camp	14

For aldermen:

H. W. Taylor	203
C. W. Bennett	207
Henry Williams	169
Lucian Carroll	148
Lloyd Blackwell	141
H. C. Kerbow	119
Geo. Bugbee	84

First five elected. Total vote cast 230.

#### R. L. Williams For Commissioner.

R. L. Williams announces this week for commissioner of Precinct No. 2. Mr. Williams has been in the county a long time, is a good business man, well acquainted with the needs of the county, yet conservative as to expenditures.

#### Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:

Steers	\$3.65 to \$6.25.
Cows	\$2.15 to \$3.50.
Calves	\$2.25 to \$4.50.
Hogs	\$5.00 to \$5.95.

I will have millinery on display at the Hedley hotel all next week. Call and examine. Miss Minnie Burdett.

#### Cottage Hotel.

Just opened; newly furnished, neat and clean. One block from depot, adjoining opera house. \$1.50 per day. M. F. LEE, Prop.

#### From North Fort Worth.

To the Chronicle: I will tell you something more about what's going on down here. In the first place, we have an early spring. Everything looks like May. The timber is in full foliage, abundance of flowers, and peaches as large as quail eggs. The weather has been ideal, with an abundance of rain, and everything is lovely.

Business matters are continuing to increase along all lines. Quite a lot of building is now being done, and the packing houses have put back their full force of laborers.

Yes, we had an anti-Bailey meeting and a Bailey meeting, and "poly-ticks is a movin'." If the masses would now get together and put out a good, clean ticket while the politicians are eating each other up, we might have some real reformation politically. The real issue is not Baileyism. The real issue is, the "outs" want in, and the "ins" want to remain in. The whole business, as I see it, is to turn the attention of the voters away from the prohibition issue.

They may do this for a season, but Mr. Politician will have the prohibition question to face, and he will not be allowed to "sit on the fence," either, for that fence will have such long, sharp barbs that he who will attempt to sit thereon will become extremely uncomfortable.

As to church work, everything is moving along nicely. We had Dr. Luther Little, evangelist for the home board, with us eight days in a meeting. Had 50 additions, 18 by baptism. We had 34 additions prior to this, making 64 accessions to the church since we came here; 33 by letter and 31 by baptism. The Lord has been mighty good to His servants since coming here.

I notice you have a good prospect for a crop again this year. I hope that great country will continue to raise good crops of all kinds, especially Baptists and prohibitionists.

When it should be your misfortune to journey this way, remember the "latch strings" are always out to you at 1405 Lee avenue, North Fort Worth. More anon. WILSON C. ROGERS.

Judge W. F. Hardin, a prominent citizen, lawyer and merchant, 60 years old, suicided at Liberty Sunday.

John Burr, a negro, was lynched at Wesson, Miss., Sunday for murdering a 12 year old white boy.

From Jan. 1 to April 1, 32,655 babies were born in the five boroughs of Greater New York.

Everybody should see the Merchants Carnival at the opera house Thursday and Friday nights, April 9 and 10. All leading business firms will be represented by young ladies in costume. Over 100 performers—all home talent. Fine drills, good music, good singing, colored light tableaux, etc., many comic features. You can't afford to miss it. Seats only 15, 25 and 35c. Benefit Christian church.

Everything in the millinery line can be found at Burdett's millinery store.

JUST IN—Our line of Dorothy Dodd oxfords. They are just the thing you want. Rathjen, The Shoe Man.

#### Fly Time Coming.

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White Wyandotte eggs \$1.50 per 15, guaranteed 50 per cent. to hatch. R. W. Ratcliff, Lelia Lake, Texas.

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### COLLEGE NOTES.

Reported for THE CHRONICLE:

Mrs. M. T. Gardener of Guthrie visited her daughter, Maggie, over Sunday and Monday.

Rev. W. P. Dickey was a welcome visitor at chapel Tuesday morning and delivered a very instructive address to the student body.

The Senior class met in the library Monday and elected the following officers: Casius Carter, president; Bounds Howe, vice president; Mary McLean, secretary; Ivy McLean, treasurer. They also elected Miss Forest Gray as class poet, and Miss Millie Baker class historian. The class had their pictures made Tuesday.

#### Rowe.

CHRONICLE CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Morris of Dalhart came down Saturday morning and spent the day at his ranch, returning home Saturday night.

Dr. Guest of Lockney spent a few days at this place and Hedley the past week.

Miss Ethel White has about recovered from an attack of the measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Cavness spent Saturday in Clarendon shopping.

Rev. Thornton of Goodnight preached two fine sermons at Hedley Sunday morning and afternoon.

J. H. Myers has finished putting out 2,000 locust and bois d'arc trees northwest of Rowe.

Mrs. Perrine of Austin is visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Nat Smith.

Mr. Portwood has purchased the interest of Mr. Langdon in the firm of Jones & Langdon of Hedley.

Miss Jessie Smith returned Saturday from a trip to Boaz, N. M. Marion Winter and family left Friday, overland, to locate them a new home in west Texas.

Mrs. Hamilton of Lockney is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sam Smith.

The schools at Rowe and Hedley both close next Friday, April 10.

The next Sunday school convention of this district will be held at Rowe the fifth Sunday in May.

See the lady blacksmith, barber, porter, butcher, dentist, etc., in their comical acts in the carnival Thursday and Friday nights at the opera house. Come and bring your friends. Seats 15, 25 and 35c.

According to analysis, celery contains but little nutritive value, for over ninety-three per cent of the vegetable is water with a little oil, and the balance is made up of about 3.5 per cent of starchy substances, 1.5 per cent of cellular fibre, and one per cent of mineral salts. Celery would, therefore, seem to play almost exclusively the role of a seasoning rather than a food; it being the flavor which makes it so popular. Celery contains sodium and potassium salts, and also a well defined amount of iron.

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### To Panhandle Republicans.

Clarendon, Tex., April 7, 1908. To Chairmen County Central Committees 13th Cong. Dist. of Texas:

Notice is given that the Congressional committee for the 13th district of Texas will meet at Clarendon, April 11, 1908, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting the time and place for holding our convention to select two delegates and two alternates to the National Republican convention and a candidate for elector for this district.

Respectfully, I. W. CARHART, Ch'm'n Republican Ex. Com. 13th Cong. Dist. of Texas.

If it's writing tablets or stationery you want see The Fair.

#### The Brute.

"Good gracious, Maria! Who emptied that rag-bag on the couch in the sitting room?"

"Boo hoo!" sobbed Mrs. Upta Dayte, "you brute, that is my new spring hat."

Naturally enough, all that he could do to square himself was to pay the milliner's bill without batting an eye.—Ex.

The only place to get the Eastman Kodak is at Stocking's store.

#### To the Ladies Who Sew.

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### Portland Cement Materials Near El Paso, Texas.

The considerable cost of Portland cement materials at El Paso, Texas, and the fact that this rapidly growing city is the commercial center of a large area made the local presence of the raw materials for the manufacture of cement a matter of much importance. That the necessary lime and clay occur in abundance in the El Paso district is pointed out by Mr. G. B. Richardson, one of the geologists of the United States Geological Survey, in a paper just published as an advance chapter from Bulletin No. 340, which forms Part 1 of "Contributions to Economic Geology, 1907."

The clay materials described by Mr. Richardson are classed as bolson clay, flood plain clay, and shale. The bolson clays are extremely irregular in their occurrence, but are exposed locally in terraces above the Rio Grande, and numerous lenses have been found in wells that have been sunk in the Huaco Bolson. None of these deposits have yet been developed. Flood plain clay occurs at several localities in the Rio Grande Valley near El Paso. Derived from rocks that outcrop higher up in the drainage area of the river, the clay has been brought down in suspension by the stream and deposited on the flood plain. In this manner beds of clay intercalated with beds of sand and gravel have accumulated, ranging in thickness from a few inches to many feet and varying in character from a rather pure clay to one containing large mixtures of sand. This clay is manufactured into common wire-cut brick at a number of plants in the valley, several million bricks of fairly good grade being made from this source yearly.

For cement-making purposes, however, the deposits of clay shale that occur interbedded with sandstone and limestone on the flanks of the Cerro de Muleros are more important than the flood plain clays, because of their uniform texture and general freedom from coarse particles. The composition of this shale varies considerably, as is shown by analyses of four samples, and further tests should be made to determine the extent of the different grades. One of the samples contained too much silica and relatively too much aluminum and iron for an ideal Portland cement clay, but the shale of the other three is well adapted for making cement.

The limestones of the El Paso region aggregate more than 5,000 feet in thickness and may be separated into five formations according to their ages. They are all massive and are in the main gray in color, but some are whitish and others are almost black. Some are more crystalline than others and they contain variable amounts of chert. They differ notably in their content of magnesia, which is so abundant in some of the older formations as to make the rocks almost true dolomites. The magnesia content of the younger formations is very small and these are well adapted for cement making. Both the magnesian and nonmagnesian limestones are burned for lime in the vicinity of El Paso.

Mr. Richardson's paper, which briefly outlines the general geology of the El Paso region and the distribution of the clays and limestones, now ready for distribution, and copies may be obtained by applying to the Director of the United States Geological Survey at Washington, D. C.

John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, called on President Roosevelt Friday. On leaving the White House he said the President had offered him a position of special commissioner to study and report labor conditions on the Panama canal zone, but he said he was unable to accept as it was necessary for him to recover his health before he could take work of any kind.

Frank Meek, a German farmer, shot and killed himself near Cameron last week after a bitter quarrel with his family.

## GUARDING A FINE GEM

### Extraordinary Precautions For Safety of Cullinan Diamond.

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Some of the particulars about the care bestowed on the Cullinan diamond—the Transvaal's gift to King Edward VII.—read like a chapter from a detective story. To account for the anxiety for the safety of the stone, it must be remembered that it belongs to the crown jewels of England, not another of which can approximate it in value, size and brilliancy. The most difficult operation, the cleaving, was performed by an expert, and its success was celebrated with champagne. The diamond now appears as a pear shaped stone, and when it shall be polished and quite ready it will weigh about 2,000 carats. In its rough original state the stone weighed 3,027 carats. The eventual shape to be given the stone is kept a profound secret by King Edward and the head of the diamond cutting firm, says W. J. L. Klehl, special correspondent of the Chicago News at The Hague. All that is known is that it is to have fifty-eight facets, which is the largest number a diamond ever had.

The intrinsic value of the diamond is about 6,000,000 florins (\$2,400,000), but because of the rarity of such large stones it can safely be estimated at 12,000,000 florins (\$4,800,000). The skillful artisan who has to polish the stone is a master of his craft, and the greatest precautions are being taken to guard him and the diamond during the long and delicate operation of cutting and polishing, which will be performed in a large, well lighted and ventilated room, situated in the second story of a side wing of the factory, contiguous to the room of the heads of the firm. It will take a whole year before the stone is ready, and during all that time the working hours for the skilled artisan will be from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m. He is not allowed to leave the room even for his meals. Besides the principal workman, there will be two assistants, and one of the members of the firm will be constantly present in the room. This is locked upon the men by the head of the firm himself, who keeps the key.

At night it is even more difficult to reach the stone than in the daytime. In a tremendously strong fireproof room, the walls of which are more than a foot thick and made of cement and iron, is placed a great iron fireproof safe, and in this lies the diamond. The door of the strong room can only be opened by means of a figure lock, the figures being known only to the heads of the firm. Behind the door is a heavy iron grating, and when this is opened the place is immediately flooded with electric light. Then the great iron fireproof safe becomes visible in the middle of the room. This safe is painted to resemble mahogany, and not a single lock is visible. There are nine strong locks, but these are placed beneath a secret sliding panel. Even when the outer doors of this safe have been opened the diamond cannot be reached before another secret pigeonhole has been opened, in which the valuable stone reposes. The factory is guarded night and day by a private guard of its own as well as by secret and uniformed police. The strong room is again specially guarded by two men, who every half hour have to touch an electric controller which signals their presence. If the signs of the electric controller point only one second past the regulation time, the guards are severely reprimanded.

"Picking" Easter Eggs. There is an Easter custom among boys in and around Philadelphia and other parts of the country of "picking" eggs. A boy will go over the eggs in the pantry (with his mother's consent, it is hoped), and by gently knocking the ends on his teeth will select one or more of the strongest. Then he goes out among his playmates and soon is challenged, or he himself will invite another boy to "pick," says Everett Wilson in the April St. Nicholas. Before daring to risk this each boy will try the other's egg on his teeth, and if he thinks his chances are good he will accept the challenge. The boy challenged will then hold his egg so as to expose only the very point, while the challenger lightly raps the egg with the point of his own until the shell of one or the other is slightly cracked. The eggs are then reversed and the "butts" are picked in the same way. The winner gets the broken egg.

Plans for the Tippecanoe Monument. Members of the Indiana Tippecanoe battlefield monument commission met the other day with Governor Hanly to discuss plans for the monument which is to be erected on the battlefield by the state and the United States jointly. The commission decided to meet again April 14, at which time designs and estimates will be received and considered. The last legislature appropriated \$12,500 for the building of the monument, and a like sum has been appropriated by the United States government. The legislature of 1887 provided for an annual appropriation of \$300 to take care of the Tippecanoe battlefield. It is likely that the next legislature will be asked to increase this appropriation in order that the monument may be maintained properly.

### ADVOCATES OF CHIVALRY.

Leap Year Club Girls Demand Ways of "Ye Knights" From Yeuths.

The Leap Year club, composed of a number of girls of the younger society set of Muncie, Ind., has taken advanced ground on the question of chivalry and has declared in favor of a return to the manners of men in the days "when knighthood bloomed." To see what can be done toward bringing about a reform in the manners of the young men of their acquaintance they have established a set of rules, which they will require them to live up to, the penalty being social ostracism.

The first rule adopted is that every young man meeting a girl acquaintance in the street or a public place shall lift his hat, removing it entirely from his head.

When a young man meets one of the young women of the club and stops to talk with her, he must hold his hat in his hand while the conversation continues.

"The indications are that the average young man is losing the old time respect for a woman merely because she is a woman," said Marie Wheeler, one of the members of the Leap Year club. "The custom in small towns of doing away with chaperons, the co-educational institutions and the camaraderie that exists between American boys and girls and young men and young women have had a tendency to break down the natural barriers that should be kept up."

"What the girls of this club desire to do is to get back in some small manner to the customs of chivalry. Of course we don't expect a modern man in pressed trousers, patent leather shoes and high collar to buckle on a suit of armor and fight somebody for us, but we do believe—and we think that every woman feels the same way—that he should treat us with a little more deference than he does his young men friends. But, even so, the boys are not altogether to blame. In being anxious to be regarded as good fellows some of the young women have rather encouraged these liberties, and so the young men have fallen into ungallant ways."

"Do you think your plan will work?" Miss Wheeler was asked.

"It will have to work with the boys we know or we will hunt other young men friends," was the answer.

### EASTER TABLE DECORATIONS

Novel and Artistic Effects That Any One Can Carry Out.

The barnyard coop of childhood's delight is not too absurd for a centerpiece on a dinner table at the Easter season. Have a long brass tray edged with delicate green and daffodils or narcissus on which is erected a "chicken coop" made of lady fingers crisscrossed. These can be iced if wished, with frosting to act as "mortar," so that the slight structure will not fall down. Sprinkle the floor with white popcorn and place within some cunning little chickens either of candy or cotton.

Violets are always lovely at Easter, says the April Delineator. For the luncheon table centerpiece have a large round tray of brass encircled by smilax and covered with moss. In this moss have violets "growing," their stems stuck into the damp green. Have small baskets of violet tinted raffia to hold bonbons. At each place a bunch of violets can give their fragrant beauty to the guests.

Popped corn dipped in violet colored icing is very suggestive of loose violets in shape and can be served with the candies or trim little cakes iced with white, violet or pistache.

The Easter rabbits of pasteboard or paper mache are much in evidence at Easter time and can be procured from the candy department of any large store or from the confectioners.

Use for a centerpiece a pineapple cheese resting on a bright yellow silk centerpiece and perch on its top one of the cunning brown Easter rabbits holding a bunch of carrots. Put one of the little brown rabbits with a basket on its back at each place. These can be bought for 10 cents apiece. The baskets can hold pieces of cheese or cheese straws or dainty crackers. Funny little silk carrot pincushions make attractive souvenirs.

### NEW POLITICAL PARTY.

To Be Called "American" and Have Much of Old Populists' Strength.

A movement which already has very respectable proportions is on foot to launch a third party in national politics on principles broader and in some respects less extreme than those of the now almost extinct Populists. The center of the movement is Philadelphia, and Wharton Barker, who in 1900 was a candidate for president on the Populist ticket, is its principal directing spirit.

Much quiet work looking toward the organization of the party has been done in all parts of the United States. The party will be called "American," and its platform of principles has been prepared in a form closely following that of the Declaration of Independence of 1776. It is said that the leaders have received assurances that practically all of the Populist strength will come to it.

Tarpon Nearly Eight Feet Long. The world's record for a tarpon catch was broken recently at Tampico, in Mexico, on the Panuco river, by the Comtesse of Wilton, who went to Tampico for the season with her husband, Sir Frederick Johnson, in their yacht Zenaida. The fish is seven feet ten inches long and forty-eight and a half inches in girth. The former record, not well authenticated, was held by the American consul at Trinidad, being seven feet four inches in length.

## INVITE THE WEARY

### WASHINGTON CHURCHES KEPT OPEN ON WEEK DAYS.

Havens of Rest in the Down-Town District of the Capital Are Greatly Appreciated by Women on Shopping Expeditions.

By taking only a few steps which will occupy a couple of minutes, shoppers of Washington department stores can get away from the rush and hurry of the bargain counters to absolute quiet and solitude. This is made possible by the "open house" maintained throughout the week days by the large churches in the heart of the shopping district of the city.

"The church is open for rest and prayer." This invitation is placed out in front of the Church of the Epiphany, on G street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets, and the wide open door under the huge pile of stone which makes up the spire adds heartiness to the invitation. In front of the open door during the daylight hours rushes an almost constant stream of humanity, every one on the alert. There are business men who are crowding 20 hours of work into half that time; there are women with bundles. Rush and stragglery are the chief characteristics outside of that open door.

Inside all is different. There is a gentle light in the large structure that neither makes one squint his eyes nor strain them. There is absolute quiet, and the calmness which pervades the place has a soothing effect on the nervous person who enters.

This is also true of other churches located near the shopping district of



St. Patrick's Church.

the city, the largest of which are the First Congregational church and St. Patrick's Catholic church at Tenth and G streets. At the former a library and reception room is open throughout the day, in charge of a matron. The Catholic church, like practically all structures of that denomination, has been kept open for many years during the day and through the evening.

It is regarded as important by the pastors of these churches to point out to the many shoppers that these edifices afford places of retirement. Here women can go and mingle some periods of rest with their shopping expeditions. While resting in the church they can look over the purchases they have made and can plan where to go and what to buy, when they shall become rested and able to again take up their errands.

The pastors of the churches also recommend the use of the open structures by business men and clerks during the rest hour about noonday. It is pointed out that these men can quickly get away from the active and driving business of the office by spending a few minutes in a quiet pew. A greater use of the church edifices during the week is advocated by the church pastors.

### Too Much for Her Chief.

There is a cabinet officer at Washington who for a long time was greatly annoyed by the incessant requests for promotion preferred by a young woman in his department who was a friend of his family.

One afternoon last winter she entered the great man's office with the usual application. Unfortunately, the head of the department was in anything but a good humor that day. So he flared up instantly.

"Upon my word," exclaimed he, "you clerks are the bane of my life! You—" he stopped short, as if restraining himself. Then he burst out again with: "I wish to goodness you were a man!"

The young woman flashed a glance at him from a particularly fine pair of eyes, and as a smile came to her handsome face she replied: "Mr. Secretary, you are the first man who ever wished that."

This was too much for the chief. She got her promotion.—Sunday Magazine.

### Largest Concrete Bridge.

The largest concrete bridge in the world, a huge structure which has attracted world-wide attention among engineers, is just nearing completion at Washington. Connecting Connecticut boulevard, one of Washington's most fashionable drives, over Rock Creek valley, this wonderful bridge is already regarded as a celebrated example of the utility of concrete.

Constructed of molded concrete blocks and monolithic concrete masonry, it is dependent upon itself for support, having no steel framing for reinforcement, says Popular Mechanics. At its highest point the bridge is 150 feet above the bed of the ravine, and its total length, with approaches, 1,400 feet. Congress appropriated \$850,000 for construction of the bridge.

## CHOICE MISCELLANY

### A Hundred Dollar Meal.

"Can one man eat a hundred dollars' worth of food at one meal without making a pig of himself?" is a question often asked when newspapers publish reports of dinners that cost \$100 a plate.

Celebrated matres d'hôtel of Gotham say he can. It all depends upon the rarity and unseasonableness of the viands he consumes and the age of the wines he orders.

"A man can without discomfort eat a hundred dollars' worth of food at a meal," said William C. Muschenheim, proprietor of the Hotel Astor, the other day. "Suppose he calls for a highly priced fish, which is brought here at great cost and difficulty from his home in the Caspian sea; for ptarmigan from the arctic, a delicate bird from Brazil and rare fruit from Java, with costly fresh Russian caviare (and there are as many kinds of caviare as of tea). Let the meal be opened by green turtle soup made with fine wine, and continue with diamondback terrapin, canyback duck and side dishes and sauces concocted of the most expensive articles out of season in the market. Such a menu could easily amount to \$100, for it costs as much to provide a specially rare dish for one person as for ten. Wines and cigars would make an additional fifty dollar bill dissolve like gelatin."—New York Tribune.

### Terrors of a Royal Palace.

The reported discovery by the czarina of a terrorist death sentence lying on the bed of her sleeping son recalls two similar tragic episodes in the life of her mother-in-law, the dowager empress.

On one occasion, says the Westminster Gazette, she found on her husband's dressing table a curious and unfamiliar jewel case and on picking it up to examine it more closely was both surprised and alarmed at its weight. Hurrying with it into her own room, she plunged it into a basin of water and summoned the prefect of police, who pronounced the innocent looking jewel case a bomb of a particularly deadly type.

On another occasion on entering Alexander's study the czarina fancied she heard a slight rustling sound behind the window curtains. With a rare presence of mind she took her husband away under pretext of bidding his children good night in the nursery. On leaving the room she locked the door and gave the key to a party of soldiers, who on entering and examining the study made the startling discovery that some one had made his escape through the window.

### Gunner's Deafness.

A British writer, quoted by the Army and Navy Journal, declares that 50 per cent of the men in the British navy are more or less deaf as a result of heavy air shocks to which their ears are subjected by the firing of the big guns. Strange to say, however, this disastrous effect on the ears is sometimes greatest in the case of small guns. For instance, it has been found that the gun crews of the Dreadnought's twelve inch guns suffer less from the "ring" than men handling three pounders. This is explained by the protection resulting from the bar-bette in which the former is inclosed and which is not as a rule used for the three pounder and further by the fact that the men operating the twelve inch gun are about nine times as far away from the muzzle as those of the three pounder crew. To avoid the worst effects of these gun discharges on the ears it is recommended that a piece of rubber be kept between the teeth so that the mouth will be held open and clay fiber plugs be used in the ears.

### Cooking a Fine Art.

"French cooking—cooking regarded as a fine art—seems to me a waste of talent," said a millionaire. "Take, for instance, Joseph, the chef whom one of the Vanderbilts brought over at a salary of \$15,000 and who left America in disgust, declaring that in culinary matters we were ignorant and uncouth barbarians.

"Joseph's best dish is 'poulette a la Marieux.' He takes a very tender pullet, wraps it in the belly of a young lamb and swathes the parcel in bacon. He lets the pullet absorb the flavor of the lamb and the bacon, and then he cooks it—cooks it how? In the steam arising from a pint of old Scotch whisky blended with a quart of fine port.

"There," ended the millionaire, "you have the fine art of cooking. Isn't it a waste of time?"—Indianapolis Star.

### Keats' Window in Rome.

The Keats house in Rome, now freed from debt and even making a small income by partial subletting, has been nursed into the state of a worthy little sanctuary mainly by American care. On to the steps of the trinita opens the window through which the poet, finding the dinners grew worse, buried the whole, thing—tin box, plates, dishes, the inevitable pigeons and the acid wine. Severn, his friend and nurse, and much more than half a century later the English consul in Rome showed the present writer the window and told the story.—London Chronicle.

### The Paris Horse Market.

The famous old horse market in the Boulevard de l'Hopital in Paris, where Rosa Bonheur used to plod about in man's attire with pencil and sketch book, has ceased to exist. No one who loves horses will regret it, says the Vegetarian, for it represented the acme of equine discomfort. The new horse market in the Rue Brancion is a model of its kind. It comprises stables and sheds sufficient to shelter 800 horses.

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